than 90 per cent children are found to be TV addict;

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to show more purposeful programmes for the children in the near future; and

(c) whether Government propose to telecast programmes/serials on the formative days of our great leaders and freedom fighters during the Nehru Centenary year and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) Reports to this effect appearing in the press have come to the notice of the Government.

(b) Doordarshan are already telecasting purposeful programmes for children to inculcate in them positive values besides being entertaining.

(c) Yes, Sir. A number of programmes are planned by Doordarshan on eminent leaders like Pt. Govind Vallabh Pant, Maulana Azad and Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru in observance of their centenaries. These programmes would provide, both, children and adults, an insight into the great cultural and historical heritage of our country, besides the sacrifices made by these great leaders.

Visit of Central Team to Flood Affected Areas of West Bengal

1046. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central team recently visited the flood affected areas of West Bengal;

(b) whether the team has since submitted its report: and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) to (c) A Central Team visited West Bengal between 4th and 7th October, 1988 to assess the flood situation. Based on the report of the Central Team and recommendations of the High Level Committee on Relief thereon, a ceiling of expenditure of Rs. 23.56 crores has been approved for flood relief in West Bengal.

Non-payment of Transportation Charges to Sugarcane Growers in Maharashtra

1047. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that sugrcane growers in Maharashtra are being deprived of about Rs. 135.60 per ton, due to non-payment of transport charges and enforcing various deductions like non-refundable deposits by the cooperative sector;

(b) whether Government have gone into these grievances of the cultivators; and

(c) if so, the details of action taken thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) For the year 1988-89 the Central Government has fixed the statutory minimum price of sugarcane payable by sugar factories at Rs. 19 per quintal linked to a recovery of 8.5 per cent. This is the price recommended by the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices. The price is for supply of sugarcane at factory gate/purchase centre. No factory can pay the price less than that notified by the Central Government. Further no complaints of the nature mentioned in the question have been received by the Central Government as they would come within the purview of the State Government.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of reply to (a) above.